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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,  
RECORDING MEDIUM WITH RECORDED  
IMAGE PROGRAM AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING APPARATUS

Examiner: A. P. Bhatnagar

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 1, 2004, for which a response was due on October 1, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 1, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.